DHC News for the week of February 13, 2012

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Submit Proposals for the October 2012 NCHC Conference in Boston

The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) annual conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, November 14-18, 2012. The call for Honors student presentations at the NCHC annual conference is now available online: [http://nchchonors.org/annual-conference/2012-conference](http://nchchonors.org/annual-conference/2012-conference)

NCHC’s 2012 conference in Boston will explore the theme of “Challenging Structures.” During the American Revolution, Boston’s citizens sought independence from arbitrary authority while preserving interdependence and community. Reflecting similar values,
the Honors revolution has challenged the structure of undergraduate education. Honors education fosters independent thought, motivation, and scholarship while encouraging collaboration within a community of scholars. As we gather in Boston, we will highlight the scholarship of teaching and learning while re-examining our practices, pedagogy, and communities to extend the challenge of the Honors revolution in education.

All DHC students (freshmen through juniors) are encouraged to consider submitting a **poster** or **oral presentation** proposal. Any research topic can be considered; especially welcome are proposals that relate to the conference theme. Because this is a highly competitive national conference, **all interested DHC students must submit a draft conference proposal to Laure Pengelly Drake for initial review**. Please submit a title, a 50-word description, and brief abstract (150-200 words) by e-mail to: laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu. Be sure to include your phone, local address, and e-mail contact info, the names of any co-presenters, and **specify what type of presentation you are proposing**: a poster presentation, idea exchange, student interdisciplinary research panel, or Master Class presentation. (Please explore the NCHC link above to learn more about the format and criteria for each of these presentation types.) **DHC internal submission deadline: noon on Wednesday, February 15.** The DHC will support travel and accommodation expenses for a select group of DHC student presenters. To discuss possible presentation topics and learn more about the conference, please consult with Laure Pengelly Drake; you may contact the DHC to arrange a meeting: 243-2541.

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**Award to Honor Faculty Who Mentor DHC Student Research Projects**

**The Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award** recognizes UM faculty members who excel in guiding undergraduate students in their research projects in the Davidson Honors College. The award pays tribute to Regents Professor Paul Lauren, who served as an exemplary faculty mentor to UM undergraduates pursuing advanced research. This annual award of at least $1,000 will recognize one or more faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring undergraduate research projects in the Davidson Honors College. Any UM faculty member, student, or alumnus may nominate a UM faculty member for this award. **DHC students are encouraged to nominate their faculty mentors for this award! Nominations are due to the DHC by Wednesday, February 15, 2012.** Further information and a nomination form can be found here: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/faculty/forms.cfm

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**Dublin Study Abroad Information Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 15, 4:30-5:30, DHC 119**

This program combines approaches from the sciences and humanities to investigate how information about brain and cognition can inform our understanding of literary creativity and how we appreciate literary work. We will consider such interrelated topics as: The biological basis of language, language evolution and neural control, narrative theory, cognition in literature, sources of creativity. We will concentrate on the workings of the literary mind through study of 20th-century Anglo-Irish writers. Students will live in Dublin, be taught by Christopher Comer, Dean of the UM College of Arts and Sciences (a neuroscientist) and Irish faculty (in the humanities) from Trinity, UCD and St. Patrick’s
College. You will experience Irish culture and the arts using Dublin’s abundant resources (the National Theatre, museums, galleries, friendly pubs). The course also includes discussion with practicing writers, critics etc. Prior knowledge of neuroscience not required. There will be several orientation meetings in Missoula before departure (in March or April 2012). Cost: approximately $2,100 (could be slightly less if a large number of students enroll). The cost covers on-site tuition in Dublin, housing near the Centre where you will study, an on-site orientation, and a farewell dinner. Travel is arranged on your own. Dr. Comer can help you find affordable airfares and will provide most course materials. Application is through the UM Study Abroad Office, or directly to Dr. Comer. Deadline: applications should be received by March 1. For more information contact Chris Comer (christopher.comer@umontana.edu)

You’re Invited to UM’s Birthday Celebration
The University of Montana will celebrate its 119th birthday on Thursday, February 16, with a noon-hour party and an evening Charter Day awards ceremony and reception.

The birthday festivities are held each year to celebrate the anniversary of UM’s chartering by the Montana Legislature in 1893 and to honor the University and its dedication to excellence. All events are free and open to the public.

The noon-hour birthday party, which will feature free cupcakes and entertainment, will be held in the University Center Atrium. The annual Charter Day awards ceremony, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom, will recognize exemplary campus and community members.

Missoula Mayor John Engen will attend the evening awards ceremony to present an official proclamation of University of Montana Day. A reception will follow the ceremony.

11th Annual UM Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR)
All UM undergraduates are invited to submit a proposal to the UM Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR), which will take place in the University Center on Friday, April 13, 2012. Over $700 in awards will be given to the top student poster and oral presentation in each subject area. Please consider submitting a proposal to present your research or creative scholarship! Presentations are welcome in all disciplines. We will offer training sessions designed to help interested students prepare their posters or oral presentations prior to the conference. For information about the conference, please visit the Undergraduate Research website, http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR – here you will find an online proposal form, presentation templates, contact information, and sample abstracts.

To propose a poster or oral presentation, students must submit an abstract (circa 250 words) of their research topic. The student’s faculty mentor should review and approve the abstract prior to submission, bearing in mind that all abstracts will be published in the conference program. The submission deadline is Thursday, March 1. Proposals must be submitted online at: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR/call_for_submissions.cfm
DHC Graduation Checklist Due
Seniors who intend to graduate Spring 2012, Summer 2012, or Autumn 2012 should come to the DHC office to pick up a Graduation Checklist, and to make an appointment for a graduation meeting with Karen Kaley. The purpose of this meeting is to assist graduating seniors in reviewing their requirements to graduate as a "University Scholar" from the DHC. **The DHC Graduation Checklist must be completed right away for Spring, by February 1 for Summer, and by March 1 for Autumn graduation.** The form is posted here: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/student_forms.cfm#seniorgraduation

**Note:** Don't forget that you must also apply for graduation from The University of Montana. Applications are available in Griz Central or online. For further information: http://www.umt.edu/registrar/forms/pdf/Application%20for%20Bachelor%20Degree%20AFTER.pdf

Internships Available at the Washington Center
The Washington Center offers internships and academic seminars for all majors in Washington, D.C. The Washington Center’s unique and comprehensive internship program and academic seminars enable college students to take full advantage of the resources of Washington, D.C. for academic credit. Whatever your major is, the Washington Center will find you a suitable internship placement. The Washington Center also offers housing and financial assistance to applicants who meet eligibility criteria; DHC students are eligible to apply for a $2,000 housing scholarship. For UM students, academic credit for Washington Center internships is available either through your major program or through the Davidson Honors College. All applications to the Washington Center by UM students require the approval of James McKusick (Dean of the DHC), who serves as the UM campus liaison for the Washington Center. **Application Deadline:** February 17 (competitive deadline) or March 16 (regular deadline) for summer internships. Internships are also available through the Washington Center in London, U.K. and Sydney, Australia. Interested students are encouraged to meet with Dean McKusick; call 243-2541 to set up an appointment. For further info: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/opportunities/washington_center_internships.cfm

Service Saturdays: KidsFest/Nano Days with SpectrUM at Southgate Mall
**Saturday, March 10, 9:00-6:00 p.m.**
**20-25 Volunteers**
Mountains FM's 15th Annual Kids Fair is an opportunity for local organizations and businesses to connect with the community and showcase their family friendly services. Hands-on exhibits and demonstrations are encouraged, making this a fun event for the whole family!

We are bringing activities from our NanoDays Kit, which introduces kids to Nanoscience and Technology. It offers children the hands-on opportunity to explore the ways itsy-bitsy technologies are already experienced in our everyday lives. There will be at least 7 exciting activities all day long, including Liquid Nitrogen ice cream, NanoGold, seeing everyday things super close up, and exploring butterfly structures
Volunteers needed for the following shifts
9:30-1:00 (7-9 volunteers)
12:30-4:00 (7-9 volunteers)
3:30-6:30 (7-9 volunteers)
If interested, please RSVP to shanna1.ungate@umontana.edu by February 24.
*Transportation will not be provided for this event, though Mountain Line does run to Southgate Mall.

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**Dailey Study Abroad Scholarships**
The University of Montana offers two Daily Study Abroad Scholarships of $1,500 in support of a full-year study abroad program in a country where English is not commonly spoken. All undergraduates at The University of Montana-Missoula are eligible to apply; preference shall be given to individuals born in Montana. **The application deadline is March 15** each year for scholarships to be awarded in the following academic year. For further information and an application form:
http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#dailey

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**Boileau Study Abroad Scholarships to Spain or Latin America**
The Davidson Honors College offers the Violet M. Boileau Study Abroad Scholarships of up to $500. Funds are available for Spanish majors or minors who intend to participate in a study abroad program in **Spain or Latin America**. Only Davidson Honors College students are eligible for these awards. DHC Study Abroad Scholarships are based primarily upon merit, but also on need, and preference will be given to upper division students. Hardcopy applications are available in the DHC main office. **The application deadline is March 15** (for next autumn or winter semester). For further information and an application form:  http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#boileau

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**The Jane Buttrey Memorial Scholarship**
The Davidson Honors College awards up to ten Jane Buttrey Memorial Scholarships each year to outstanding Juniors who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need. These awards typically range in value from $1,000 to $1,500. This scholarship is open to all University of Montana-Missoula students who meet the scholarship criteria. All applicants must attain Junior status (60-90 credits) by autumn semester of their scholarship year; major or minor in the humanities or social sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences; have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4 at the time of application; and demonstrate financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office. The application deadline is March 15 each year for scholarships to be awarded in the following academic year. For further information and an application form:
http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#buttrey

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**Publish Your Senior Honors Project on the Mansfield Library Website**
DHC students can now publish their Senior Research Projects as electronic documents on the Mansfield Library website. The Davidson Honors College strongly
encourages the wide dissemination of research results and scholarly inquiry, and for this reason we hope that many DHC students will take this opportunity to publish their research and creative projects! The full text of your electronic thesis or professional paper will be available worldwide, listed under your name in the Mansfield Library catalog, and searchable through web-based search engines such as Google. You can take great pride in this scholarly publication and list it on your résumé forever!

Undergraduate theses and professional papers completed in fulfillment of the Davidson Honors College Senior Research Project requirement are eligible to be considered for publication by the Mansfield Library through the electronic Undergraduate Thesis and Professional Paper (UTPP) project. Electronic publication is entirely optional and is not a DHC graduation requirement. If a student wishes to submit an undergraduate thesis or professional paper for publication by the Mansfield Library, then a second faculty reader will be required. For further information, please consult “Procedures and Criteria for Publication of Undergraduate Research,” posted here: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/research_publication.cfm

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**Summer Field Projects in Climate Change and Natural Resources**

**Proposals due March 14**

The College of Forestry and Conservation in conjunction with the Climate Change Studies program offers a competitive grants program to support undergraduate student summer field work. Funding is available to support the training of leaders in climate change and natural resources through experiential and field-based learning. **Student-designed projects must address climate change and involve either independent research or restoration activities.** Three awards are available, each up to $3,000, to support student stipends related to field work. The deadline for proposal submissions is March 14, 2012. For further information: http://www.cfc.umt.edu/ccs/StudentFieldProjects.html

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**Additional Fulbright UK Summer Institute: London 2012 Olympics Games**

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce the opening of an additional 2012 Fulbright UK Summer Institute to be held at the King's College London Summer School.

This three-week cultural and academic programme for US undergraduates will be held from 22 July-11 August 2012 and will centre around the theme of the London 2012 Olympics Games.

As with all our Summer Institutes the King’s College London Institute will provide an immersive academic, cultural and social experience for freshman or sophomore American students who wish to deepen their knowledge of the United Kingdom and its diverse population whilst developing their communication, research and presentation skills.

The programme covers participant costs including academic programme fees, travel, housing, subsistence, cultural visits.
The Commission is now offering a total of 7 exciting and unique opportunities for US undergraduates to follow a three-six week summer programme at a world-class UK university or cultural institution.

The application deadline for all UK Summer Institutes is **Friday, March 16, 2012**. For more information on each Institute and details on how to apply visit the Institute webpages: [http://www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institutes](http://www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institutes)

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**Alternative Break Spring Break to Moab, Utah**

Join us for an adventure, as we travel to Moab, Utah March 31-April 7! We will be working with Moab Plateau Restoration Inc. and helping to restore the serene landscape that draws thousands to Moab every year.

Volunteers will learn about native plants in Moab, restoration ecology, geological features of the park and have the opportunity to hike/explore Moab. We will be camping in the park and receive gourmet meals prepared by park chefs each night. For more information about this trip, please email Liz at [alternativebreaks.um@hotmail.com](mailto:alternativebreaks.um@hotmail.com) or stop by the OCE office, located in the basement of the Davidson Honors College or give us a call at 243-5531.

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**Calgary, Alberta: Spring Break Service Trip**

**March 30-April 8**

Join our spring break trip to Calgary, BC, for a transformative experience that includes service; learning; exploring diversity, culture and religion. All UM students are welcome. Cost is $150 plus some meals and expenses. One UM Honors credit is optional. Led by Honors Affiliate Faculty, John Lund. Sponsored by Emmaus Campus Ministry. All participants must have a current passport for travel to Canada. Contact John at 396-4974 or [John@montanalc.org](mailto:John@montanalc.org).

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**Rocky Mountain Power Shift**

Across the country students are organizing to demand a bold sustainable and clean energy future. Together students from all over the Rocky Mountain region will converge in Missoula, Montana (February 17-19) to exchange regional success stories and campaigns, hear from climate movement leaders, and learn from each other how to organize and launch new campaigns!

To meet the unique climate challenges facing our region today, we know we’ll need a diversity of tactics and approaches, and we’ll bring them together in Montana. Now is the time for the youth of the Rocky Mountain region to stand up and demand a lifestyle change. New organizers will have the chance to learn many new organizing skills and seasoned organizers will build upon their skills and develop new ones by working through special curriculum tracks!

Registration only takes a few minutes! Plus the conference is only $10 for the WHOLE weekend! Come learn and share ideas with hundreds of other students from around the
region! Register ASAP because the first few hundred registered get a free local, sustainable dinner provided by University of Montana's Farm to College Program and a unique networking mixer! PLUS A FREE T-SHIRT!! Register NOW! http://rockies.wearepowershift.org/register

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants for 2012-13
As part of its efforts to recognize and encourage academic achievement in all disciplines, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to sponsor the Study Abroad Grant Competition.* Qualified undergraduates in all areas of study are encouraged to apply. The program is designed to help support you as you seek knowledge and experience in your academic field by studying abroad. Forty-five $1,000 Study Abroad Grants are available each year. APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2012. The competition is open to Phi Kappa Phi members and non-members in all fields of study who meet the following requirements:

- Attend an institution with a Phi Kappa Phi chapter (UM has a chapter; you don’t have to be a member);
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- The study abroad program must begin between May 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013;
- Must have been accepted into a study abroad program (provide the letter of acceptance on an official letterhead);
- Your study abroad plan should relate directly to your academic preparation, potential career choice, and commitment to the welfare of others.

For further information and an application form: http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Awards/Study_Abroad.html

*This award does not require university nomination, but it would be a good idea to have your application reviewed by Laure Pengelly Drake, Director of External Scholarships and Advising, as soon as possible.

James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship
The James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund is offering its scholarship again this year. It is an essay contest open to all college students. The essay subject concerns cancer and the scholarships are $5,000 for first place, $2,000 for second place, and $1,000 for third place. Students can receive more information and request an application packet at this website: http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp. Contact me for assistance with applications: Laure Pengelly Drake, DHC 102, 243-6140

2012-2013 Scholarship Season
Students who have demonstrated unusual ability, achievement, drive, leadership skill and experience, manifested concern for others, and commitment to their fields of study should contact the Director of External Scholarships and Advising (see end of document for contact information) as soon as possible for scholarship advising and coaching.

--Scholarships
  --Undergraduate scholarships
--The Amgen Scholars Program is an undergraduate research program in science and biotechnology. Sophomores, juniors, and non-graduating seniors may apply. **Application deadline is February 1, but you should start researching host universities as early as possible** ([www.amgenscholars.com](http://www.amgenscholars.com)).

--The **Udall Scholarship** provides $5000 for students committed to careers related to the environment AND to Native American students committed to careers in tribal public policy OR Native American health care. Students with one or two years of college remaining may apply. UM currently leads the nation in Udall Scholarships. **UM deadline: Wednesday, November 30.**

--**Graduate Scholarships**

See the Director of External Scholarships and Advising now if you are interested in preparing for applications next year or later. Among the most prestigious scholarships available to our students in most fields are the Gates Cambridge, the Rhodes, the Marshall, and the Mitchell. Students who are qualified for graduate study at top American universities should consider applying.

--The **Gates Cambridge**, for study at Cambridge University, requires leadership potential, social commitment, and intellectual ability ([www.gatesscholar.org](http://www.gatesscholar.org)).

--The **Rhodes Scholarship**, for study at Oxford University, requires evidence of physical vigor in addition to a “blend of character and intellect” ([www.rhodesscholar.org](http://www.rhodesscholar.org)).

--The **Marshall Scholarship**, for graduate study at any British university in most fields, supports students who will “strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions” ([www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org)).

--The **Mitchell Scholarship**, for graduate study in Ireland, honors “Senator Mitchell’s commitment to public service and community, integrity, leadership, justice and fairness” ([www.us-irelandalliance.org](http://www.us-irelandalliance.org)).

--The **Truman Scholarship** requires application a year early; candidates **apply as juniors**. You must demonstrate outstanding potential for public service and be committed to making a difference through careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in the field. You will write a **brief policy proposal as part of your application** ([www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov)). **UM deadline: Friday, November 18.**

--The **James Madison Fellowship Program** provides graduate funding for those who want to teach American history or government or social studies and “master the content of American constitutional history” ([www.jamesmadison.com](http://www.jamesmadison.com)). The program is lobbying for Montana applicants. **Apply for assistance by the first week of February.**

--**Important information**

--This service is available for all UM students and alumni.

--It is never too early to get started.

--Look for other scholarships besides those advertised and come in for help.
--Some scholarships are open to non-citizens.

--Coaching Benefits
--Get help figuring out what possibilities suit you best.
--Learn application protocol.
--Develop effective resumes for scholarship and other applications.
--Write compelling personal statements.
--Learn editing and interview techniques.

--Requirements
--academic excellence (the GPA minimum varies, but most require 3.5 or 3.7), --
--service
--leadership and commitment
--other requirements vary: research skill and experience, physical vigor, financial
need, language skills, etc.

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